



Statement by
the Delegation of the Republic of Indonesia
at the 20th Session of the General Conference of UNIDO
Vienna, 27 November – 1 December 2023

Dear [Mme. President, H.E. Ambassador Debora Lepre, Permanent Representative of Italy],

At the outset, allow me to congratulate you on your election as the President of the 20th Session of the General Conference of UNIDO, and all the other members of the bureau on their election.

I am confident of a successful outcome of this session under your able guidance and leadership. Please be assured of my delegation's full support and cooperation.

[I also would like to express sincere gratitude to the hard work and excellent leadership of the outgoing President, H.E. Ambassador Mohamed Mezghani, former Permanent Representative of Tunisia, and members of his bureau for their outstanding work during the previous session.]

I also wish to thank the Director General for his opening remarks and to convey its appreciation to the Secretariat for its hard work in organizing this General Conference.

Indonesia associates itself with the statement of the Group of 77 and China and would like to add the following remarks in its national capacity.

Madam Chair,

[We gather here today amidst the complex global landscape, particularly with the continued atrocities happening in Gaza.

Indonesia strongly condemns the unprecedented aggression against civilians. Therefore, we call for the immediate cessation of the hostilities in Gaza.

We also call upon all countries to continue providing humanitarian assistance, and on the parties involved to open humanitarian corridors to give safe passage for international aid, including through the United Nations framework.]

At present, we are facing multiple regional dynamics that challenge the global economic recovery efforts, particularly towards the achievement of 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

We underline the unique role UNIDO plays in facilitating inclusive and sustainable industrial development within the United Nations system and reaffirms the importance of UNIDO's contributions towards accelerating the achievement of SDG 9, especially with developing countries.

Indonesia particularly appreciates UNIDO's long standing cooperation with Indonesia through the following:

- Firstly, the signing and the implementation of the Country Programme for 2021 – 2025,
- Secondly, UNIDO's contribution to the International Year of Creative Economy for Sustainable Development 2021, for which Indonesia was the main initiator of an UNGA Resolution on that matter.
- Last but not least, UNIDO's support to the Indonesia G20 Presidency, particularly the commitment stated by the Director General Gerd Müller at the G20 Trade, Investment and Industry Ministerial Meeting, as well as UNIDO's substantial inputs for the *G20 Trade, Industry, and Investment Working Group*.

Madam Chair,

Indonesia take note of the Report of the Director General on the Reform of the UNIDO Field Network, which is aimed at making the field offices more relevant and accessible to Member States.

In this regard, we underline the crucial role of UNIDO field offices and encourage the enhancement of the UNIDO's Representative Office in Jakarta, to further increase effective delivery of the Organization's mandate of inclusive and sustainable industrial development (ISID), including technical cooperation and capacity-building.

We underline the need to adequately equip field offices with human resources and other relevant resources, to ensure that the restructured UNIDO Field Network will continue to respond and fulfil the needs of Member States, as appropriate.

Madam Chair,

We also noted positively the endorsement of UNIDO's strategy in response to climate change at the 51st session of the Industrial Development Board.

We support the strategy in enhancing UNIDO's role in arranging an adequate and sustainable financing and transfer of clean and innovative technologies through fostering partnerships and South-South, North-South and triangular cooperation.

To strengthen UNIDO's response to climate change, we also propose to add possible collaboration and partnership between UNIDO and regional organizations and continue working in developing the action plan of this strategy, as well as to further enhance UNIDO's activities in supporting Member States climate priorities related to the Inclusive and Sustainable Industrial Development (ISID).

Indonesia also endorses UNIDO's intention to coordinate and leverage climate finance opportunities. In the same vein, Indonesia recently launched the Energy Transition Mechanism (ETM) Country Platform, a financing mechanism which intends to become a tool to pool investment from public and private sectors to accelerate energy transition.

In this regard, we further support UNIDO to continue enhancing cooperation and mobilizing all necessary resources to facilitate capacity building, technical assistance, transfer of technology, as well as access to financial support that would contribute and complement national efforts of the developing countries towards industrialization and to better enable them to take advantage of new and emerging technologies.

Madam Chair,

We welcome the Programme and Budgets proposals for the biennium 2024-2025, in line with the principles of results-based budgeting and we are also committed to serve as one of the member of the Programme and Budget Committee for the period of 2024-2025.

We noted positively the 17 percent increase in the implementation of technical projects in 2022, and welcomes the commitment of the Director General to increase the technical cooperation to up to 25 percent for the biennium 2024 – 2025.

In this regard, we encourage upon UNIDO to strengthen its technical cooperation regarding promoting industrial parks, developing industrial policies and addressing technological gap, developing and enhancing MSMEs and reduction of unemployment, as well as promoting industrial decarbonization, green hydrogen and other renewable sources of energy circular economy, digitalization and innovation.

Madam Chair,

We encourage continuous and further implementation of the principle of equitable geographical representation and to increase the representation of professional staff from developing countries in UNIDO particularly at the senior management level.

Lastly, Indonesia welcomes the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia's offer to host the 21st Session of the UNIDO General Conference in Riyadh in November 2025 and extend our support to Saudi Arabia.

Madam Chair,

To close our statement, Indonesia would like to underline that it is now more important than ever for UNIDO Member States to strengthen the Organization and work collectively to address the current economic slowdown and other critical global challenges.

In that context, Indonesia calls UNIDO, its stakeholders and partners, to scale up support and assistance to developing countries which are severely affected by the global recession.

Building upon our legacy as the 2022 G20 President as well as our 2023 ASEAN Chairmanship, Indonesia stands ready to enhance our cooperation with UNIDO and its Member States in promoting and accelerating sustainable industrial development.

We look forward to fruitful discussions with all delegates in this Meeting. Thank you.

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